

## Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment September 15, 2021

### Attendees:

BG Bill Crane, Nikki Lyttle, Matt Christiansen, Tom Plymale, Chad Napier, Steve Koehler, Dr. Deborah Koester, Gary Krushansky, Justin Smith, Melanie Purkey, Kim Tieman, Brian Gallagher, Nick Stuchell, Dana Eddy, Amy Saunders, Jessica Smith, Stephanie Thornton, Dr. Becker, Dr. Amjad, Jeff Sandy, James Becker, Rachel Thaxton, Linda Boyd, Secretary Crouch, A. Toni Young,

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment was called to order at 3:02 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 by Chairperson Gallagher. The meeting was conducted by Zoom conference. Roll was taken and quorum was established.

### Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Tieman moved, seconded by Councilmember Becker, to approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### Agenda Items

#### Introductions

Chairperson Gallagher introduced the newly-appointed Governor's Council members: Dr. Ayne Amjad, Delegate Rohrbach, Melanie Purkey, Linda Boyd in place of Dr. Boisvert, Dr. Stephan Maxwell, Lyn O'Connell, and Emma Eggleston.

#### ODCP Updates

Dr. Matthew Matt Christiansen, Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy presented a powerpoint update on ODCP's recent activity.

The Council discussed reasons for the reduction in ATLAS survey responses.

#### Recent WV SUD grant awardees

Pregnant Postpartum women grant - Nikki Lyttle, BBH

BBH had received a grant from SAMSHA grant a to build a coordinated state-wide system; start another Drug Free Moms and Babies site in Grant County; address prevention and early intervention for Moms with SUD and OUD and babies exposed to intrauterine substances; promote a comprehensive and integrated approach. The grant was for three years.

## Addressing the syndemic (HIV, Hep C, SUD) and COVID vaccination

Toni Young of Community Education Group discussed the details of its recent grant award to address HIV, Hep C, COVID vaccinations and SUD.

Councilmember Berry asked Ms. Young Toni to send out some of the grant-related job postings.

## Integration of HIV, Hep C, SUD care

Dr. Judith Fineberg of WVU gave an overview of their recent grant award.

Office of Drug Control Policy had recently applied for an award from the NGA technical assistance re: Stimulant Use Disorder and Polysubstance Use

## Agency SUD related updates - Various

### BBH

BBH was in the process of designation funds under the on SAMSHA block grant funding.

### BPH

BPH had met with the West Virginia Board of Medicine re: co-prescribing needs. It had also been collaborating with BBH on addressing mental health issues.

Councilmember Saunders recommended Dr. Capehart as a resource at the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

BPH was also looking at ACES for the upcoming legislative session.

Councilmember Tieman also discussed the Statewide ACES coalition as a resource.

### BMS

BMS was in negotiations with Endivior re: prices of sublocade. It was working on a criteria to pay for sublocade. BMS was now offering a dental stipend.

## Substance Use Response Plan

Dr. Deborah Koester of Marshall Health updated the Council on the Quarter two progress on implementing the State's Substance Use Response plan. She also reviewed the time for the rest of year two implementation.

Dr. Koester went on to discuss planning for Year Three implementation of the plan and organization of Town Hall Meeting. She anticipated approval of the Year Three plan in October.

Recovery Corps progress

Councilmember Tieman and Chairperson Gallagher updated the Council on the progress of the Recorp Corps Project. The Council discussed payments for oral health services and resources regarding the same.

## **Adjournment**

Councilmember Berry moved, seconded by Councilmember Tieman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.